



Virginia Green Partner Profile:



Green Air Inc Ashland, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities.

Virginia Green Partners are primarily committing to help support *Virginia Green* and encourage their customers to join or do business with Virginia Green-certified participants. Although not necessarily tourism facilities themselves, Partners are expected to practice green activities in their own facilities as well!

Green Air

"We are a family owned and operated heating and air conditioning contractor that is focused on high efficiency systems including geothermal heat pumps and solar thermal hot water. We sell, install and service HVAC systems, solar thermal hot water systems and geothermal heating and cooling systems to hotels and restaurants."

Green Statement: "We wanted to do something that would make the world a better place for future generations."

CORE ACTIVITIES for all *Virginia Green Partner Organizations*

- ☒ **Support Virginia Green.** Partners must promote the Virginia Green Program to clients, members, and staff and encourage them to do business with Virginia Green participants. This partner organization pledges that they:
 - Encourage clients who are in the tourism industry to join Virginia Green.
 - Strive to design projects that minimize overall environmental impacts and incorporate the use of efficient systems and sustainable materials.
 - Carry and promote environmentally-friendly products and provide services that minimize the use of harmful chemicals and materials.
 - Include a Virginia Green feature in their newsletter or other publication.
 - Display the Virginia Green certificate prominently in their facility / offices and use the Virginia Green window decals.
 - Use the Virginia Green logo on signage pointing out recycling or other "green" improvements in your facility.
 - Highlight their involvement in Virginia Green on their website and include a link to their Virginia Green facility profile
- ☒ **Green Meetings and Conferences.** When Virginia Green Partners hold meetings or conferences they must provide recycling and make an effort to reduce the use of Styrofoam and other disposables. This partner pledges that they:
 - Have conferences at a Virginia Green Lodging facility, and let the facility know that they want a "green event!"
 - Minimize copying and always make 2-sided copies
 - Have eliminated the use of Styrofoam cups and plates; instead they use actual mugs

- Use silverware instead of plastic utensils
- Serve water in pitchers and glassware instead of bottles; serve bulk sodas, etc.
- Avoid box lunches – trays/platters of food are much less wasteful

☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Partners are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program if they have a facility. This partner pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, electronic equipment
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials

☒ **Water Conservation.** Virginia Green partners are highly encouraged to have a plan for conserving water in their facility that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This partner pledges that they:

☒ **Energy Efficiency.** Virginia Green partners are highly encouraged a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives in their facility. This partner pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Use natural lighting
- Used LEED criteria when developing new buildings
- Install geothermal and solar thermal systems

For more information on **Green Air**, see www.getgreenair.com or contact **Jeff Ryan** at Jeff@getgreenair.com or 804-402-0672.

For more information on **Virginia Green**, see <http://www.deq.state.va.us/p2/viriniagreen/homepage.html> or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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